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Decisions.

T. D. No. 32914. Yarmouth bloaters and Digby chicks. Yarmouth bloaters and Digby chicks dutiable as herring under paragraph 272, tariff act of 1909. Instructions to Collector of Customs, New York, from the Treasury: "Sir: The department duly received your letter of the 16th ultimo, inviting attention to a variance in practice in classification of so-called (Yarmouth bloaters) and 'Digby chicks,' which the appraiser at your port states are herring in tins, but which are bought and sold in the trade under the trade labels of 'Yarmouth bloaters' and 'Digby chicks.'

"The department in its decision dated November 7, 1912, (T. D. 32914), directed you to assess duty upon anchovies, pilchards, sardines, etc., at the rate of 30 per cent. ad valorem under paragraph 270 of the tariff act, for the reason that it had been unable to learn from a careful investigation of the matter that any fish not scientifically herring are known commercially as such.

"The department is in receipt of a letter from the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, to whom the samples forwarded by you were submitted, in which he states that the fish represented by the samples are the common sea herring (*Clupea harengus*.)

It was the purpose of the department's decision (T. D. 32914) to limit the classification of fish under paragraph 272 to such as are in fact herring, regardless of their commercial designations, and to exclude therefrom the fish enumerated therein, for the reason that they were not known, either scientifically or commercially, as herring.

"As it appears that the merchandise under consideration is in fact herring, you are hereby directed to assess duty upon future importation of bloaters and Digby chicks, packed in tins, as herring under paragraph 272.

"Respectfully,
"JAMES F. CURTIS,
Assistant Secretary."

The Spanish Fishing Industry.

Fishing is an important pursuit on the whole Spanish coast, the official estimate given by the local authorities in reply to inquiries from this consulate being that on the coast of Malaga Province alone, there are about 3000 small sailing and large rowboats, besides 17 steam fishing vessels. The catch of the fleet is said to average about 40,000 pounds a day all the year round, except during the two or three months of closed season in summer. The daily consumption of fresh fish in the city of Malaga averages from 12,000 to 15,000 pounds. The boats, which are all very heavily built, are of two sizes, those of 20 to 25 feet in length, whose activities are necessarily confined to fishing near shore, and those of some 35 to 40 feet, which can go farther out to sea. The steam fishing boats are becoming the more popular, as they can go longer distances, make larger catches in the same length of time, and during the summer closed season may still work outside of Spanish waters.

California Green Turtles.

The green turtle is found most extensively all along the coast of Magdalena Bay, Lower California, says a recent consular report. The natives in a great many localities subsist almost entirely on its meat. At the place named a firm once purchased these turtles for 50 cents and sold them in the markets of San Francisco for \$5, but it is doubtful if they could be obtained at such prices now. At Magdalena a company has a concession to fish turtle in that locality, being managed by Japanese, and it is supposed owned by Japanese also. This concession would, of course, interfere with others who desire to fish turtle there.

On the Gulf of California turtle are also found to some extent, as well as at San Lucas, a point between Santa Rosalia and Mulege, Lower California. It is said these turtles weigh 150 pounds.

Pensacola Fish Doings.

Pensacola's fishing industry saw one of the slackest weeks witnessed in many months, when no more than two hundred thousand pounds of fish was discharged at the several docks last week. Only four fishing smacks arrived during the whole week and only one of these, the Emelia Enos, brought in a catch worthy of comment.

The week's arrivals and their respective catches follow:
Emelia Enos, 35,000 pounds of snappers, 35,000 pounds of grouper; Ida M. Silva, 17,000 pounds of snapper, 4000 pounds of grouper; Halcyon 4965 pounds of snapper, 1000 pounds of groupers; Emily Cooney, 21,225 pounds of snapper, 3080 pounds of grouper.

Indications are that the present week will be an exceedingly busy one.

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Another Lunenburg Banker.

Tuesday morning another fine schooner was launched from the yard of Smith & Rhuland at Lunenburg, N. S. She is intended for the fisheries and is of the following dimensions: 129 feet over all; 26 feet beams; 10 1-2 foot hold. She is named the Della Warner, and will be commanded by Capt. Benjamin Cook.

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Didn't Mind the Ice.

The steamer Bruce arrived at North Sydney, C. B., Sunday forenoon from Port aux Basques. She had 68 passengers on board, and a full freight included in which being four carloads of fish for the American and Canadian markets. On the run across the steamer experienced considerable ice, and especially when a short distance off the coast she ran into some pretty mighty floes. However, Captain Taylor, who stood at the wheel all the time, got clear of the drift ice, the Bruce with ease steamed through the barrier between Low Point and the terminus wharf.

Porto Rico Fish Market.

Codfish.—The situation remains practically unchanged. With small arrivals our local market is but lightly supplied at present and sales of medium cod have been made at from \$31 to \$32 per cask, while large cod in boxes brought a higher price at private sales. Pollock and haddock remain fairly active at from \$23 to \$24 per cask.

Reported February 25, 1913, by S. Ramirez & Co., San Juan, Porto Rico.

Landed at Rockport.

The gill netting steamer Nora B. Robinson put into Rockport yesterday afternoon with 2500 pounds of fresh fish, mostly haddock.

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Week's Receipts at T Wharf.

Receipts of fresh groundfish at T wharf, Boston, for the week ending March 13, were 1,681,500 pounds from 63 arrivals against 3,032,000 pounds from 77 arrivals for the corresponding week of last year.

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SEALERS MEET WITH DISASTER

Half of the gulf sealing fleet of eight vessels which left St. John's, N. F., recently has met with shipwreck, according to advices received at Halifax.

The steamer Lloydson struck a sunken rock while breaking through the ice and was so seriously damaged that the voyage had to be abandoned. The Labrador sprang a leak while in heavy ice and had to be beached in St. Mary's Bay. The Boothic and Bellaventure were damaged in collision and are being repaired at St. John's so that they can continue the voyage.

The War and the Salt Cod Market.

The Trade Review of St. John's, N. F., has an article on the prospect of a wider market for Newfoundland fish, as a result of the Balkan-Turkish war, from which we have made the following extracts:

"It is a wellknown fact that for years past Greece has been a good customer of ours, by taking from us something like eighty to one hundred thousand quintals of fish annually, which goes far to relieve the pressure in our Mediterranean market. The allies have the same religion as the Greeks—Orthodox—and we should say that, with a little more energy and enterprise, we should be able to trade with these countries, as well as with Greece."

"The Trade Review is in a position to know that the merchants in Greece are very anxious to increase the fish trade with this country, and, previous to the declaration of war, we had many communications from mercantile firms to this effect. Now that the four little kingdoms must unite, and maintain unity at all hazards in self-protection, it is only reasonable to suppose that the fish merchants of Greece will find a larger market for this product than they had previous to the war, when they were depending wholly on home consumption in their own country."

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THREE HALIBUT FARES IN HERE

And Gill Netters Have 50,000 Pounds to Show For Two Days Work.

Three of the fresh halibut arrived here over Sunday with 50,000 pounds among them, which were quickly snapped up by the local dealers.

Sch. Rhodora, Capt. Augustus Peterson, is home from his first trip since resuming fishing, and has 14,000 pounds halibut, 3000 pounds of fresh fish and 3000 pounds of salt cod.

The best fare of the morning is sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, Capt. Augustus G. Hall, from Quero with 22,000 pounds of halibut and 10,000 pounds of salt cod.

Sch. Harmony from Green Bank has 15,000 pounds of halibut and 9000 weight of salt cod.

Saturday, sch. Ingomar, Capt. Horace Wildes, arrived from Brown's with 85,000 pounds of fresh fish, which were taken out this morning.

The gill netters were out Saturday and yesterday, the receipts for two days being about 50,000 pounds.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lorena, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Robert and Edwin, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Eagle, gill netting, 400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Dolphine, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Carrie and Mildred, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Philomena, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hope, gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hugo, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nora B. Robinson, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 700 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Ethel, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary L., gill netting, 300 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T. gill netting, 1800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Geisha, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Harold, gill netting, 500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mystery, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Medomak, gill netting, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. R. J. Kellick, gill netting, 4500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lydia, gill netting, 1600 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 1100 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, Quero, 22,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 10,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Rhodora, Quero, 15,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 3000 lbs. fresh fish, 3000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Harmony, Green Bank, 15,000 lbs. fresh halibut.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, shore.

Sch. Favilla, shore.

Sch. Ingomar, Brown's Bank, 85,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Saturday's Gill Netting Arrivals.

Str. Robert and Edwin, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Lorena, gill netting, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Dolphine, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Joanna, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Seven Brothers, gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 1100 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Jeffery, gill netting, 250 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hugo, gill netting, 200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Evelyn H., gill netting, 1200 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Mary F. Ruth, gill netting, 600 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Maud F. Silva, halibuting.

Sch. Cavalier, halibuting.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty, salt trawl banking.

Sch. Annie M. Parker, salt trawl banking.

Sch. Francis J. O'Hara Jr., haddocking.

Sch. Laverna, haddocking.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, haddocking.

Sch. Mary Edith, haddocking.

Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, haddocking.

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BIG FARES MORE THAN PLENTY

T Wharf Has 25 Arrivals This Morning Some With Largest Trips of Winter.

It was a big fish morning at T wharf today when the gong sounded for the opening trade of the week, there being a fleet of 25 crafts on hand, several among them with monster fares, the largest of the season.

To Capt. Martin L. Welch of sch. Lucania belongs the honor of the banner fare. Capt. Welch has 125,000 pounds, 100,000 pounds alone being cod which were secured on Georges. The Lucania will go one more trip fresh fishing after which she will take off her dories and fit for seining.

Some of the other fine trips are: Schs. Mary F. Curtis, 87,000 pounds; Esperanto, 68,000 pounds; Josie and Phoebe, 79,000 pounds; Arethusa, 90,000 pounds; Elsie, 67,000 pounds; Terra Nova, 87,000 pounds; Pontiac, 62,000 pounds; Thos. S. Gorton, 78,000 pounds; Elk, 71,000 pounds; A. Piatt Andrew, 112,000 pounds; Mildred Robinson, 72,000 pounds; Frances S. Grueby, 82,000 pounds; Ellen and Mary, 73,000 pounds; Vanessa, 85,000 pounds; Onato, 106,000 pounds.

With the enormous fares, the bottom has tumbled out of the market. Wholesalers paid \$1.50 to \$3.60 a hundred weight for haddock, \$3.50 to \$4.50 for large cod, \$2 to \$3 for market cod, \$3.75 to \$5.50 for hake, \$4 to \$4.75 for pollock, \$1.35 for cusk, and 13 cents and 15 cents for halibut.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, 3500 haddock, 3000 cod, 7000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Ignatius Enos, 1000 cod.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, 75,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Marion, 1500 cod.

Sch. Esperanto, 50,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 3500 hake, 1700 cusk, 1000 halibut.

Str. Crest, 37,000 haddock, 4600 cod, 8000 lemon sole.

Sch. Josie and Phoebe, 67,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Lucania, 25,000 haddock, 100,000 cod.

Sch. Arethusa, 63,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 18,000 hake.

Sch. Elsie, 47,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 8000 cusk.

Sch. Terra Nova, 65,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 13,000 hake, 4500 halibut.

Sch. Pontiac, 45,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 7000 cusk.

Sch. Thos. S. Gorton, 6,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 7000 cusk, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Elk, 59,000 haddock, 14,000 cod.

Sch. A. Piatt Andrew, 80,000 haddock, 400 cod, 25,000 cusk, 3000 halibut.

Sch. Mildred Robinson 65,000 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, 65,000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Ellen and Mary, 58,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 7000 hake, 1000 halibut.

Sch. Laura Enos, 2100 cod.

Sch. Vanessa, 65,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 10,000 cusk, 1200 halibut.

Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 16,000 haddock, 3200 cod, 8000 hake, 4500 cusk.

Sch. Mettacommet, 4000 haddock, 700 cod.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Numan, 12,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 12,000 haddock, 7000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Onato, 90,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 7000 cusk.

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Haddock, \$1.50 to \$3.60 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4.50 per cwt.; market cod, \$2 to \$3; hake, \$3.75 to \$5.50 per cwt.; pollock, \$4 to 4.75 per cwt.; cusk, \$1.35 to \$2; halibut, 13 cts for white and 15 cts. for gray.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5.25 per cwt.; medium, \$4.75; snappers, \$3.25.

Eastern deck handline codfish, large, \$5.25; medium, \$4.50.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$3.75; snappers, \$3.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$4.50; mediums, \$4.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.25.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.10; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.15; mediums, \$1.80; snappers, 75c.

Peak cod, large, \$2; medium, \$1.75; snappers, 70c.

All codfish not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.15.

Cusk, large, \$1.30; mediums, \$1; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock, 80c.; round, 90c.

Bank halibut, 12c per lb. for white and 9c for gray.

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Little Craft Did Well.

Fish are quite plenty. Some 300 barrels were landed at Hyannis last week.

Several new arrivals at Hyannis are the gasoline steamer Sam and Priscilla, Torpedo, Delphine, new, Provincetown; also gas sloop Magnolia, Captain John Silva. The Magnolia, left Provincetown on Sunday morning, March 2, and when off Handkerchief at 4 p. m., struck the blizzard, snow squalls and the wind 60 miles per hour and a fearful sea. Hatches were fastened down and everything secured. Under sail and steam the little 15-ton skip in six hours' run arrived safely in Hyannis harbor.

The Ice Report.

(As telegraphed by the superintendent of the signal service, Quebec, to the Halifax, N. S., board of trade, March 12.)

Fame Point—Light open ice everywhere.

Anticosti, West Point and Cape Ray—Heavy close packed ice everywhere.

Flat Point—Heavy close packed distant.

Cape Race—No ice.

Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Arabia landed a small fare of fresh halibut at Portland, Friday. The craft was absent three weeks down on Brown's Bank and had 5000 weight of fresh halibut and about 20,000 pounds of salt cod. The former sold at 8 and 10 cents a pound, while the salt cod will be sold here. The skipper reports rough weather all the time out and left one of his anchors there.

Lockport, N. S., Fishing Notes.

The weather today was not favorable for fishing, but the sch. "Ella M. Rudolph," the only vessel which ventured out, was well repaid for her attempt, landing a few hours later 12,000 lbs. of fine quality mixed fish. The price paid was \$4 per hundred weight, and the crew shared \$20 each.

Halibut Sales.

The fare of sch. Thomas A. Cromwell sold to the American Halibut Company and the fares of schs. Thomas A. Cromwell and Rhodora to the New England Fish Co., all at 12 cents per pound for white and 9 cents for gray.

FISH NOW LURE MEN TO WESTWARD

Sch. Knickerbocker About Ready—Bay State Goes in April.

Some time next week or the latter part of this week, the auxiliary knock-about fishing schooner Knickerbocker will sail from Boston for Seattle, there to engage in halibut fishing. Next month a sister ship, the schooner Bay State, with Capt. Norman A. Ross of this port in command, will also undertake the 16,000-mile voyage around South America, and will be the fourth Boston owned fishing vessel to leave that port for the Pacific fisheries in little more than a year.

In November, 1911, the schooners Victor and Ethan and the Athena started on the same journey and are now said to be earning handsome profits for their owners. These latter vessels were each about one hundred feet long and of slightly less than one hundred tons gross measurement. The former made the voyage in 128 days, while the other required about a month longer.

Like the Knickerbocker, they too, were equipped with engines which enabled them to go through the Straits of Magellan instead of sailing under canvas around Cape Horn. Captain Robert Lathage, who commanded the Victor and Ethan, will be in charge of the Knickerbocker, and he expects to make the voyage in eighty-five or ninety days.

The Knickerbocker is owned by the New England Fish Company of Boston, and, with the Bay State, her sister ship, was built especially for halibut fishing in the North Pacific. She is 126 feet over all, 102 feet waterline, 24½ feet beam and of 155 tons displacement. Thomas F. McManus, who originated the knockabout type of fishing vessel designed the craft, which was recently built at Essex, at a cost of about \$25,000.

Has Powerful Engines.

She is equipped with two 100-horsepower engines, which, on a recent trial trip, enabled her to maintain speed of nine one-half knots an hour. These engines burn crude oil, and consequently may be operated at a cost about three-quarters less than gasoline engines at the present high price of gasoline.

As much as possible of the voyage will be made under sail, and the engines, if working satisfactorily, will be relied upon to take the vessel through the narrow straits which are too difficult for navigation under sail only.

When beset by calms or weather

which will prohibit carrying sail, power will be used, also. To enhance the schooner's sailing abilities she is equipped with a long yardarm for a square sail which will be rigged on the foremast. This will prove particularly helpful when the wind is abaft the beam.

Carry Crew of 14 Men.

A crew of 14 will be carried. Capt. Lathage is a deep-water navigator with years of experience, and a man for whom long voyages have particular fascination. In these days of steam craft it is difficult to obtain satisfactory crews for sailing vessels bound on long voyages, but contrariwise the men who will go in the Knickerbocker came "a-running." Some were willing to sign on for almost nothing. They are all T wharf or Gloucester fishermen and anxious to go to the Pacific, which is now luring many New England and Nova Scotia fishermen from the Atlantic.

Since the departure of the Victor & Ethan and the Athena 18 months ago it is said that quite a number of fishermen have gone west. Within a few days it was announced that a former Gloucester fishing skipper who is now operating in the Pacific, was looking for about fifty reliable men to go to Seattle, and a few weeks ago a dozen fishermen left Yarmouth N. S., in a body for Vancouver. Others have forsaken the Atlantic at various times for the fresher opportunities offered by the Pacific.

Wait For Canal To Open

Considerable New England capital is invested in the western ocean's fisheries, and more will be, for with the opening of the Panama Canal a number of fishing schooners are expected to be ready to pass through to return no more to the Atlantic. About 15 years ago the New England Fish Company sent the steamer New England around the Horn, and in 1906 the Manhattan, another steamer owned by the same company has had other vessels built on the Pacific coast and now has in operation about a dozen vessels.

Until recently halibut fishing in the Pacific was done almost exclusively by steamers, but now auxiliary schooners are finding favor both for seaworthiness and as profit makers. This has led the New England Fish Company to invest \$50,000 in the schooners Knickerbocker and Bay State, and as they do not build vessels of the type and strength on the Pacific coast, the vessels were constructed in New England. In '49 it was gold that lured men West, now it is fish.

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Big Two Days Catch.

With a catch of \$1,600 worth of fresh fish, taken in two days on Brown's Bank, off Shelburne, the schooner Loran B. Snow, Captain Ansel Snow, arrived at Digby, Friday night, and sold the trip of 80,000 pounds of fresh haddock, to Joseph E. Snow and E. M. Robertson, each taking half. This is a record for two days' fishing and by Monday the entire catch was cured into finnan haddies and on the way to upper Canadian markets. The Dominion Express Company rushed the shipment through to Quebec, Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton, the principal distributing centers. It was only a week ago that Capt. Snow landed over 80,000 pounds, but bad weather made the trip drag out two weeks.—Halifax Chronicle.

Salt Cod Market at St. John's, N. F.

There is nothing doing in dry fish in the local market, even between merchant and merchant, says the St. John's Trade of February 22. Every exporter seems to have just enough to meet his requirements. There is less fish afloat in the harbor than ever known at this period; it will not amount to more than 4,000 qtls. at the outside. There is practically no fish in the outports to come to the city, and the whole stock held here at this writing will not exceed 150,000 qtls.—a very small quantity, comparatively speaking. Meantime, our principal markets keep firm at paying figures, though consumption is somewhat slower than usual.

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The Ice Report.

(As telegraphed by the superintendent of the signal service, Quebec, to the Halifax Board of Trade, March 14, 1913.)

Heath Point and Money Point—Heavy, close packed ice everywhere.

Magdalen Islands—Heavy, open everywhere.

Flat Point, Cape Race—No ice.

Cape Bay—Heavy, close packed ice everywhere.

Alewives Are Early.

Alewives, about 40 barrels in all, were taken at Edgartown last Friday. The fish were shipped to Boston.

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Has Long Charter.

Steamer Guild Hall which completed the discharge of her cargo of salt here yesterday and sailed for Baltimore to load coal for Vera Cruz, has been chartered for two years it is understood to run between the West Indies and eastern American seaports.

January on the South Shore.

The month of January, on the Nova Scotia south shore, compares somewhat unfavorably with the corresponding month last year in the quantity of fish, but the prices obtained have in most cases been larger, which tends to make results about even.

FULTON MARKET
PRICES ARE LOW

The last week of the Lenten season opens Monday with indications that fish will be plentiful and prices low, says the Fishing Gazette of last week. With few exceptions prices have been falling during the past week, and with favorable weather conditions there is every reason to believe that nearly all varieties of fish will be offered at attractive prices.

There was plenty of fish to be had at low prices during the present week.

The trawler Heroine made her appearance at the market on Wednesday as usual, coming to Chesbro Brothers. She had a light catch of fish, in all, about 12,000 pounds, mostly haddock. The arrival was not sufficient to affect the price of bought fish from Boston, which was quoted at 5 1-2 to 6c on that day.

Large quantities of frozen squid are now on the market and in the freezers. They ought to bring at least 2 1-2c per pound, and yet they are being offered in some cases at \$1 per box. One retail dealer, who usually puts away large quantities of squid, in anticipation of a short season, has been taking his stock out of the freezer and sending it to the market to be sold. He says he will lose a couple of thousand dollars on his venture of last year.

Halibut was offered at a low price during the entire week. The opening price on Monday was 10c per pound for western whitefish, one cent cheaper than the closing price Saturday. The 10c price was still in force on Thursday. There was no eastern white halibut in the market.

There were two varieties of groundfish which money could not buy in the New York market up to Thursday of this week. One was pollock, which was quoted in the Boston market at a higher figure than steak cod, and the other was hake. On Saturday there was a little hake in the market, selling at 6 to 7c per pound, while a few boxes of pollock were quoted at 6c. The prices that Boston agents were asking for hake and pollock on Monday were so high that New York dealers decided they could not handle either variety to advantage.

Codfish has been fairly high in price this week, market fish up to Wednesday selling at 4 to 5c per pound. The closing price on Saturday last was 6c. Steak cod brought 8c to 9c from Saturday to Wednesday, when the price jumped from one cent per pound.

Sch. Athena Had Halibut.

The schooner Athena, formerly a Boston vessel, arrived at Seattle January 27, having 40,000 lbs. fresh halibut, which sold at 9 cents and 50 cents per pound. The January halibut market was one of considerable fluctuation. Prices reached the highest figure ever paid, 3½c pound and 50 cents a box. Total receipts in January were 627,500 lbs. which sold from 8½ cents to 13½ cents lb. These were landed by one steamer and ten vessels. In January 1912, the receipts were 1,310,200 lbs. which sold from 7 cents to 9½ cents per pound. Arrivals comprised eight steamers and eight sailing vessels.

Poco Rico Fish Market.

During the past week demand has continued lively and supplies a market are very light. Prices have remained stationary at from \$31 to \$32 for medium cod, and prospects are encouraging for next moderate arrivals. Pollock and haddock remain unchanged at about previous quotations of \$23 to \$24 per cask.

Reported March 4, 1913, by S. Ramirez & Company, San Juan, Porto Rico.

Prices High At Liverpool, N. S.

Advices from Liverpool, N. S. of March 7, state that fish are scarce close in shore. Some vessels report very good sets some distance off. Weather fair the past week. Market prices are ruling high. Great preparations are being made in the lobster industry which season will shortly open.